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SUBJECT: CORRECTED - CHINA URGED TO SUPPORT UNSC CHAPTER
VII RESOLUTION ON ZIMBABWE

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Classified By: Acting Political Minister Counselor Ben Moeling. Reason
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¶11. (C) Poloff on July 2 delivered to MFA reftel points urging China to support a UNSC resolution on Zimbabwe. MFA International Organizations and conferences Department UN Division Counselor Sun Mingin said that China is also concerned by events in Zimbabwe. China's position is that the international community should "constructively encourage the two sides to resolve the dispute themselves." The UN, Sun said, should show deep respect for the views of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) and the African Union (AU). PolOff replied that the draft resolution reiterates the views expressed by the SADC and the AU and that President Mugabe's violent attacks on the opposition call for strong UNSC action as well as "constructive encouragement."

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